

Education and Workforce Cabinet

County jobless rates released for March 2013 to March 2014

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FRANKFORT, Ky. (April 24, 2014) – Unemployment rates fell in 69 Kentucky counties between March 2013 and March 2014, while 43 county rates went up and eight counties stayed the same, according to the Kentucky Office of Employment and Training, an agency of the Kentucky Education and Workforce Development Cabinet.

Boone County recorded the lowest jobless rate in the Commonwealth at 5.7 percent. It was followed by Campbell County, 6.3 percent; Kenton County, 6.4 percent; Gallatin County, 6.7 percent; Grant, Oldham and Shelby counties, 6.8 percent each; Simpson, Warren and Woodford counties, 6.9 percent each.

Jackson County recorded the state's highest unemployment rate — 19.3 percent. It was followed by Magoffin County, 17.1 percent; Leslie County, 17 percent; Harlan County, 16.8 percent; Letcher County, 15.8 percent; Bell County, 15.2 percent; Knott County, 15.1 percent; McCreary County, 14.7 percent; Menifee County, 14.3 percent and Clay County, 14.1 percent.

Unemployment statistics are based on estimates and are compiled to measure trends rather than actually to count people working. Civilian labor force statistics include non-military workers and unemployed Kentuckians who are actively seeking work. They do not include unemployed Kentuckians who have not looked for employment within the past four weeks. The statistics in this news release are not seasonally adjusted because of the small sample size for each county. The data should only be compared to the same month in previous years.

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